

## Message Text

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TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 9717

C O N F I D E N T I A L LA PAZ 1820

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MASS, BL

SUBJECT: SUBMACHINE GUNS FOR BOLIVIAN CUSTOMS

REF: (A) LA PAZ 1399, (C) STATE 36643

1. BOLIVIA'S CHIEF OF CUSTOMS, COLONEL HUGO TORO, HAS INFORMED THE EMBASSY THAT THE SUBMACHINE GUNS FOR WHICH AN EXPORT LICENSE IS NOW UNDER CONSIDERATION BY THE DEPARTMENT WILL BE USED BY CUSTOMS OFFICERS IN SUPPORT OF EFFORTS TO SUPPRESS NARCOTICS SMUGGLING. IN HIS VIEW THE WEAPONS WILL BE A MAJOR CONTRIBUTION TO COOPERATIVE EFFORTS BETWEEN BOLIVIA AND THE UNITED STATES AGAINST INTERNATIONAL NARCOTICS TRAFFIC. HE DOES NOT ANTICIPATE THAT THE ARMS WOULD BE USED FREQUENTLY, AS HE SEES IN THEM A DETERRENT TO THE USE OF ARMS BY NARCOTICS SMUGGLERS WHO HAVE IN THE PAST SUCCESSFULLY ATTACKED CUSTOMS OFFICIALS IN REMOTE BORDER OUTPOSTS.

2. WE TRUST THAT THESE ASSURANCES ARE SUFFICIENT TO WARRANT APPROVAL OF THE EXPORT LICENSE. PLEASE ADVISE WHEN FINAL ACTION IS TAKEN ON THE APPLICATION.

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## Message Attributes

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